

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. SIR-MIS-00004-US-PCT])

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)
Jadhav, Vasant *et al.*)
S/N. 10/597,755)
371(c): May 22, 2007)
Title RNA Interference Mediated)
Inhibition of Gene Expression)
Using Multifunctional Short)
Interfering Nucleic Acid)
(Multifunctional siNA))
Examiner: Chong, Kimberly
Art Unit: 1635
Confirmation No.: 5817

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 18, 2009

Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 18, 2009. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a one (1)-month extension of time and the required fee. No fees are believed due; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overages to our deposit account number 50-4615.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.